## **REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

This Preliminary Amendment was filed only to amend claims 5 and 7-9 to correct improper multiple dependencies therein.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Date: April 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

Michael A. Makuch, Reg. No. 32,263 1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20036 Telephone: (202) 263-4300 Fax: (202) 263-4329